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## Listing of the Claims

1. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) with a roof (3) provided with a flexible cover (6) in at least parts of its area, which includes a front roof area (9), which can be stored in the same orientation as in the closed state in a body recess (14), which is bounded on the rear by an edge (15) of the auto body (4), **characterized by the fact** that the outer surface (10) of the front roof area (9) is separated relative to the <u>rear roof area[[s]]</u> (8) lying farther rearward and provided with cover (6) and that the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) is adapted to the trend of the edge (15) of body (4) bounding the body recess (14) on the rear.

- 2. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, characterized by the fact that a separation joint (7) between the front <u>roof area</u> (9) and the adjacent rear roof area (8) opens during roof storage, and that the additional roof area (8) adjacent behind the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) can then be displaced beneath the front roof area (9).
- 3. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 1 or 2 Claim 1, characterized by the fact the front roof area (9) in the stored state of roof (3) lies at least almost at one approximately the same height with the bounding said edge (15) that is adjacent behind and an additional auto body outside surface (14) adjacent to it-rearward.
- 4. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 1 to 3 Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the remaining gap (23) between the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) and the auto body edge (15) bordering the recess is narrower than 40 millimeters.
- 5. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 1 to 4 Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the edge (15) of the auto body (4) bordering the auto body recess (14) extends in its trend in a top view so that it includes components on the vehicle transverse sides that point in direction of travel (F) and the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9) includes components pointing in direction of travel (F) on the sides corresponding to the curvature of the auto body edge (15).

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6. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 1 to 5 Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the front roof area (9) is designed essentially as a rigid assembly.

- 7. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 1 to 6 Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the front roof area (9) includes a plate element (11) that can be fastened on one end to the windshield frame (2) and connected on the other end to the additional <u>rear</u> roof area (8) including the cover.
- 8. (original) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the fact** that the plate element (11) includes an essentially convex shape in a top view with cambered front (12) and rear edge (13).
- 9. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 7 or 8 Claim 7, characterized by the fact that the plate element (11) is in one piece.
- 10. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 7 to 9 Claim 7, characterized by the fact that the plate element (11) consists of a lightweight material.
- 11. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims

  1 to 10 Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the front end (18) of the additional rear roof area
  (8) adjacent to the front roof area (9) is designed in the fashion of an ordinary roof top and can be locked to the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9).
- 12. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 1 to 11 Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the edge (15) adjacent to the body recess (14) in parts of its areas is the front edge (16) of a trunk lid (17).
- 13. (currently amended) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to one of the Claims 1 to 11 Claim 1, characterized by the fact that the edge (15) adjacent to the auto body recess (14) in parts of its areas is the front edge of a cross bar of the auto body outer surface (24) arranged in front of a trunk lid.
  - 14. (new) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, **characterized by the**

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fact that the front end (18) of the additional rear roof area (8) adjacent to the front roof area (9) is designed in the fashion of an ordinary roof top and can be locked to the rear edge (13) of the front roof area (9).

- 15. (new) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, characterized by the fact that the edge (15) adjacent to the body recess (14) in parts of its areas is the front edge (16) of a trunk lid (17).
- 16. (new) Cabriolet vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, characterized by the fact that the edge (15) adjacent to the auto body recess (14) in parts of its areas is the front edge of a cross bar of the auto body outer surface (24) arranged in front of a trunk lid.